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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SURDUCAN ET AL.

Examiner

Trinh Vo Dinh

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6-8, 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 5 and 9-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 05/25/04.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The Examiner has crossed out two references listed Foreign Patent Documents because the copies of the references have not been submitted.
2. The information disclosure statement filed February 03, 2005 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1) because no PTO-1449 has been submitted. The information disclosure statement has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1, line 7, "the second conductor" should be changed to --the second conductive element--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-2, 6-8 and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (US 2004/0056805 A1) in view of Joy et al (US 2004/0140941).

With respect to claim 1, Chen discloses, in Figs. 1-3, a dipole antenna comprising a first conductive element (27, 271, 28, 281, 32, 33) superimposed a portion of and separated from a

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second conductive element (25+26+251+261+35 +36) by a first dielectric layer (22), a first conductive via (39, 31 in Figs. 2 or 3) connects the first and second conductive elements through the first dielectric layer wherein the second conductive element (25, 26, 251, 261, 35, 36) is generally U-shaped. However, Chen does not suggest the second conductive element including a plurality of spaced conductive strips extending transverse from adjacent ends of the legs of the U-shape. Joy discloses, in Fig. 1, a conductive element (110+120) including a plurality of spaced conductive strips (110A, 110B, 120A, 120B) extending transverse from adjacent ends of legs of an U-shape and each strip being dimensioned for a different λ_0 (paragraph [0012]). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to provide Chen's U-shape radiating element with spaced conductive strips as taught by Joy. Doing so would provide the antenna with a capability of operating in multi frequencies.

With respect to claims 2-3, 6 and 8, Chen discloses the first conductive element (27+271) being L shaped, one of the legs (271) of the L-shaped is superimposed one of the legs (251) of the U-shape (Fig. 1), the first and second conductive elements being each planar, and the antenna being omni-directional and a gain exceeding 4 dB (paragraph [0020]).

With respect to claim 17, Chen discloses, in Fig. 1, first dielectric layer being a substrate (12), and the first and second conductive elements being printed elements on the substrate.

With respect to claims 7 and 18, Joy further discloses, in Fig. 1, each strip (110A, 110B, 120A, 120B) has a width less than $0.05 \lambda_0$ (Fig. 1) and a length of less than $0.5 \lambda_0$ (paragraph [0012]), and the plurality of strips being parallel to each other.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 4-5 and 9-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The cited art of record fails to teach the dipole antenna comprising a ground plane conductor superimposed and separated from the second conductive element by a second dielectric layer, a third conductive element superimposed and separated from the strips of the second conductive element by the first dielectric layer; and a second conductive via connecting the third conductive element to the ground conductor through the dielectric layers.

Inquiry

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trinh Vo Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-1821. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30AM to 6:00PM.

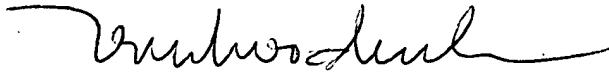
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong, can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Trinh Vo Dinh

April 13, 2005